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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Art Unit: 1657

For: PROCESS FOR REMOVING WATER FROM
AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS OF PROTEINS

Examiner: Tiffany M. Gough

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received and reviewed the Office Communication dated September 30, 2009. Applicants note that the Independent claim in this application is listed as being generic. However, Applicants are required to elect a single species in dependent claim 2. Applicants hereby elect methyl for R'' and an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms for R''' with traverse. Applicants submit that a search of all species would not unduly burden the patent office due to the generic independent claim which requires of search of the glycol ethers. Applicants submit that no serious burden on the patent office has been illustrated to indicate that such an election is necessary. Applicants additionally request upon notice of an allowance of claims, that the claims be rejoined pursuant to MPEP § 821.04. Applicants note that all claims read upon this election. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are ready for examination.

Applicants respectfully request that any fees for the two month extension due be taken out of Applicant's Account Number 04-1512; however, if there are any other fees, the Examiner

is authorized to charge Account Number 04-1512 and deficiency of fees and credit any overpayments.

Dated: December 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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